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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Way

Serial No.: 10/046,139

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For: SPLIT WAVE METHOD AND
APPARATUS FOR TRANSMITTING
DATA IN LONG-HAUL
OPTICAL FIBER SYSTEMS

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Before examination, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

In the Specification:

On page 1, please amend paragraph 1 to read as follows:

5 This application is a continuation-in-part and claims the benefit of
Serial No. 60/260,696 filed January 9, 2001, and is a continuation-in-part
of Serial No. 09/575,811 filed May 22, 2000, and is a continuation in part
and claims the benefit of Serial No. 60/346,786 filed January 7, 2002, all of
which applications are fully incorporated herein by reference.